

*Congressman Secured Federal Funding to Provide Dental Services for Low-Income Children in Sullivan County*

Monticello, N.Y. -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today congratulated PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP) for its acquisition of a new mobile dental clinic that will serve low-income children in Sullivan County. Hinchey secured \$200,000 in federal funding for the project in the fiscal year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill. Philanthropic grants were also provided by the Dyson Foundation.

"PRASAD's new mobile dental clinic is going to ensure that thousands of Sullivan County children have access to the dental health care they need and otherwise might not receive," said Hinchey. "Too many families in Sullivan struggle to provide expensive dental care for their children. With two fully equipped dental offices, this mobile clinic will deliver essential dental services to children throughout the region. I'm happy to have secured federal funding for this project. Countless children will be the beneficiaries as PRASAD continues providing this vital service to our community."

Since 1996, PRASAD CDHP has served more than 62,000 children, providing more than 170,000 procedures at over 17 different community sites in Sullivan and Ulster counties. The mobile dental clinic, which provides services at schools, is key to PRASAD CDHP's success in this rural area, where many low-income families do not have transportation to bring their children to the dentist.

The new mobile clinic has two fully equipped dental offices, and will allow PRASAD CDHP to continue providing patients with dental exams and an array of treatments, including cleanings, topical fluoride therapy, fillings, sealants, extractions, space maintainers and x-rays.